

The Examiner is requested to enter the claim amendments as set out in items (1) and (2) above into this application.

A discussion of the amendments to the claims will be provided below.

REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed April 1, 2002, please amend the claims as indicated above and favorably reconsider these claims in the light of the discussion provided below.

Claims 1 to 17 and 19 to 30 are in this application. In this response, claims 1, 2 and 23 have been amended. Further, claim 18 is cancelled, without prejudice.

(1) The Examiner's Rejections

(i) 35 USC 112

Claims 2 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.